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Maya Johnson surprise

5 messages

ted landreth

To: Nikki Ezhari <nikki.ezhari@lacity.org>

Cc: Geoff Thompson <geoff.thompson@lacity.org>

Thu, Apr 28, 2016 at 9:27 PM

Dear Nikki,

The Lord works in funny ways. Ms. Baker called Maya from HACLA late this afternoon and told her that the inspection would take place tomorrow and if the apartment passes she can move in this coming week. I guess she must have put down the phone from you and thought better of it, which is to say, WELL DONE!

I am copying Geoff again, this time to ask whether we can look forward to the day when the Housing Authority will do what it's supposed to WITHOUT Nikki Ezhari or another staff member of the City Council having to give them a reason to.

Is that too much to hope for? I hope not.

With regards to you both. Consider yourselves introduced – you'd like each other.

Ted

On Thu, Apr 28, 2016 at 5:38 PM, ted landreth

wrote:

Dear Nikki,

Thanks for trying, but I must say, this just doesn't scan. As recently as five days ago, Kelli Su PROMISED I an inspection this past Tuesday, to be followed with her moving in the moment the apartment passed.

I am taking the liberty of copying Geoff Thompson of the City's COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS STRATEGY on this exchange in the hope that he can think of a way out of the logjam. There IS no HOMELESS STRATEGY, clearly, if the City employees charged with implementing it refuse to do their jobs. And how do we explain that to somebody like – that the system designed in Washington to help people like her not only doesn't help but it stands in her way? This will be the second Section 8 apartment she will risk losing in the past eight months. The other one went to somebody else while Kelli Su at HACLA dithered on the question of whether she was really married to her common law husband and constant companion of the past seven years.

Oy, you say – as if it wasn't hard enough to be a homeless black transgender woman.

Love,

Ted

PS - Geoff: I'm not asking you to pull strings. I'm just asking whether you agree that all is lost if the grand plan isn't taken seriously by people like 'caseworkers,' who so far have been going out of their way to torture her – without meaning to, I'm sure. The fact is, they probably haven't really given her a thought.

Nikki Ezhari

4:13 PM (1 hour ago)

to me

I spoke with her and they are going through the process as quickly as possible and the soonest she can be in, if everything goes well is May 15th.

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On Wed, Apr 27, 2016 at 7:35 AM, ted landreth wrote:
Dear Nikki,

Would you be willing to help with the following? I haven't heard back from John Darnell, and, as usual, our client is in a risk situation. If the Housing Authority doesn't move at the speed of the market – which is to say as fast as possible – the apartment could easily go to somebody else.

Love,

Ted

—— Forwarded message ——

From: ted landreth
Date: Tue, Apr 26, 2016 at 9:39 AM
Subject: GWHFC transgender client Maya Johson
To: John Darnell <john.darnell@lacity.org>
Cc: Stephanie Rojas <stephanie.rojas@lacity.org>

Dear John,

GWHFC transgender client again – almost there this time.

After suffering from Housing Authority stasis and multiple cases of apparent housing discrimination since early February, and her husband, at last ready to move into a one-bedroom apartment with a HACLA Section 8 voucher, but HACLA now seems to be dragging its feet. Their new caseworker there, a Ms. Baker on, has told their old caseworker Kelli Su that they are not likely to be able to move in until May 15 at the earliest.

All it takes is scheduling an inspection. GWHFC will take care of the move-in money. It could all be done this week – which is what Kelli Su promised last week.

Would you be willing to give Ms. Baker the requisite nudge, or to have Stephanie do it? I have a feeling that HACLA can never be counted on to do anything unless they know you're looking over their shoulder, but you would think they'd be a little bit more sensitive these days in the case of a transgender female. Don't they read the newspaper?

With best regards, as ever,

Ted

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To: Estevan Montemayor <estevan.montemayor@lacity.org>

Fri, Apr 29, 2016 at 8:54 AM

A thank you of sorts

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To: c04 intern2ho <c04.intern2ho@lacity.org>

Fri, Apr 29, 2016 at 2:47 PM

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Mon, May 2, 2016 at 4:55 PM

To: ted landreth <[redacted]@gmail.com>
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Glad to hear the good news! Thank you for sending along Ted.

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